

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1        1 (Previously Presented). A permanently fireproof flame guard having a flow  
2        cross section that terminates a conduit, in which there is a flame guard insert  
3        having a large number of passage gaps ensuring that it is permanently  
4        fireproof, characterized in that, within the flow cross section, at least one  
5        concentric solid annular section is formed so as to be solid without the passage  
6        gaps, and that on both sides of said at least one solid annular section there are  
7        annular sections having the passage gaps, wherein said at least one solid  
8        annular section is sufficiently sized to dissipate heat in the concentric region  
9        within the flow cross section.
  
- 1        2 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in  
2        claim 1, characterized in that the cross-sectional area of the flame guard insert  
3        with the passage gaps is greater than the cross-sectional area without passage  
4        gaps.
  
- 1        3 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in  
2        claim 1, characterized in that a centrally arranged core is provided as a  
3        concentric section.
  
- 1        4 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in  
2        claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the concentric section and the at  
3        least one solid annular section is formed of a highly thermally conductive  
4        material.
  
- 1        5 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in

2 claim 1, characterized in that, within the flow cross section, a plurality of solid  
3 annular sections are provided as concentric sections, which are in each case  
4 followed in the radial direction by annular sections with passage gaps.

1 6 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in  
2 claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the concentric section and the at  
3 least one solid annular section is formed from a smooth metal strip wound  
4 spirally closely on itself.

1 7 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in  
2 claim 6, characterized in that the passage gaps of the flow cross section are  
3 formed by a corrugated metal strip wound together spirally with a smooth  
4 metal strip.

1 8 (Previously Presented). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in  
2 claim 1, characterized in that the flow cross section has an annular form.

1 9 (New). A permanently fireproof flame guard having a flow cross section that  
2 terminates a conduit, in which there is a flame guard insert having a plurality  
3 of flame guard sections arranged concentrically in relation to one another and  
4 divided radially from one another by concentric solid annular sections, each of  
5 the plurality of flame guard sections having a large number of passage gaps  
6 ensuring that it is permanently fireproof, and within the flow cross section, the  
7 solid annular sections are formed so as to be solid without the passage gaps,  
8 and that on both sides of each said solid annular section there are annular  
9 sections having the passage gaps, wherein said solid annular sections are metal  
10 and sufficiently sized to dissipate heat in the concentric region within the flow  
11 cross section.

1       10 (New). The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in claim 9,  
2       wherein the flame guard sections comprise a spiral winding of a flame guard  
3       which is formed from a common winding of a corrugated metal strip with a  
4       smooth metal strip and solid annular sections are formed inside the circular  
5       area of the flow cross section by a plurality of annular concentric sections  
6       which are produced by the smooth metal strip being wound without the  
7       corrugated metal strip.

1       11 (New).The permanently fireproof flame guard as claimed in claim 10,  
2       further comprising in the middle of the flow cross section a concentric section  
3       in the form of a central core, which is a solid insert of a highly thermally  
4       conductive metal, whereby in the flow cross section, adjacent to the concentric  
5       solid annular sections, in each case flame guard sections are formed which  
6       have flow gaps whose areas are limited, so that excessive heating of the flame  
7       guard sections can be avoided reliably.